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WORLD CALL

I planned an ultra modern home, but a Korean citizen whispered, "I have no home at all!"

I dreamed of a country place for the pleasure of my children... but an exiled lad kept saying, "I have no country!"

I decided on a new cupboard right now... but a child of China cried out, "I have no cup!"

I started to purchase a new kind of washing machine... but a Polish woman said softly, "I have nothing to wash!"

I wanted a quick-freezing unit for storing quantities of food.. but across the waters came the cry, "I have no food!"

I ordered a new car for the pleasure of my loved ones... but a war orphan sobbed, "I have no loved ones!"

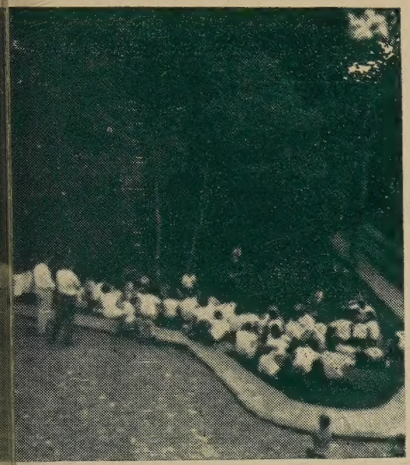
I planned a stained glass window above the choir stalls... but a Mexican pastor murmured softly, "My church has no walls!"

Mayme Gardner Miller

ULAJE VISITS

By Rev. Ariel Zambrano

President of the Latin American Union of Evangelical Youth.



A round table discussion in the gardens of the Lutheran Seminary in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, site of the Leaders' Conference.

cently the Rev. Daniel González, asso- astor of Gante Methodist Church and tive Secretary of U.L.A.J.E. (Latin can Union of Evaneglical Youth Move-) and I made a tour of South America, g Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Argentina nally Brazil, where the Fourth Meeting aders of Evangelical Youth was held. l Leighton of Chile, one of the vice ents of U.L.A.J.E., visited youth groups gentina and Uruguay en route to the s' Meeting in Brazil.

was interesting to observe that the teristic note of South American elical Youth is a marked spirit of e- icity. In some countries the youth groups ter some difficult problems as they o cooperate but they are enthusiastic ding new ways to express their oneness rist. This was particularly noted in nd in Argentina.

in American youth is in the vanguard rds evangelism, Bible study and dis- on of the Scriptures. We saw how ant a place Bible study has in the al as well as the local plans of work. stimonies were encouraging to hear.

A youth group from Girardot, Colombia reported how they had distributed the Bible in a nearby city. Accompanied by their pastor, they had gone every day for a week, making house to house calls. It was inspiring to hear of their experiences.

We heard on every side that there is a lack of sufficient leaders and adequate materials. We found the desire to work but a lack of the necessary means. "We have leaders but they don't know how to do the work" or "We have some materials but we don't know how to use them" was the cry. U. L. A. J. E. is addressing itself to these two needs —leadership and materials— through institutes and conferences and the publication of some materials. There is still much to be done.

The Meeting of Leaders was the fourth for Brazil but it was the first time that other Latin American countries had been invited to participate. U.L.A.J.E. was in charge of publicity and organization, together with the youth and their leaders from Brazil. Outstanding among the speakers were Dr. Hans Reudi Weber of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland whose Bi-

ble studies were centered on "The Biblical Concept of Authority and Service"; and Dr. Richard Shaull of Brazil.

Among the 105 present, there were seven countries and 11 denominations represented. It was a real encounter —those present en countered new ideas, new points of view new friends and a deeper and more dynami concept of Christianity.

Casa Hogar

By Lottie Bell

One never knows what is hidden behind the walls of the city streets in a Latin American town. As one passes by there are glimpses of patios with cars, with offices, some clean, some dirty, some with flowers and trees some with children playing but our place is different.

Mrs. Bell, Srita. Delia Zamora, the secretary, and a group of students.

We live in a converted monastery here at Casa Hogar. It is large enough to house comfortably our group of 125 girls. If you could have been here during vacation you would have been aware of a crew of me working every day —painting furniture painting rooms, moving furniture, and finall painting all the walls of our patios to mak this a beautiful place for the girls to live. Th rooms are pastels— yellow, green, blue, ros with wardrobes and small tables to matc Our patios are a soft green that is very restf in the bright sun. We have one tall tre with orchids for shade in the main patio an our poinsettia bloomed for weeks.

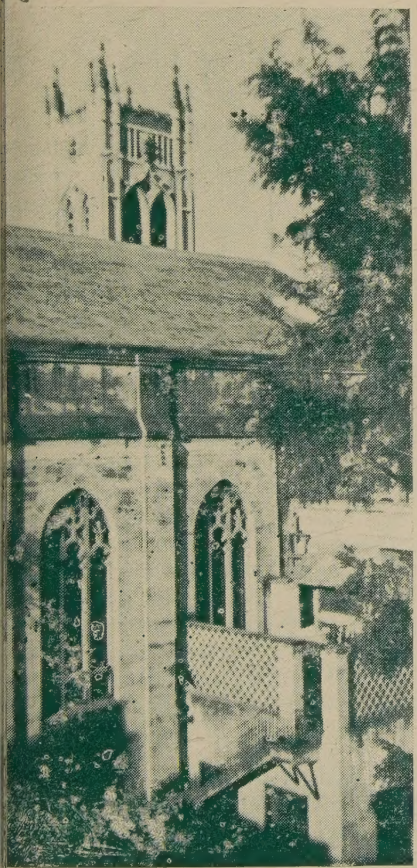
A third patio has been fixed with a til floor for a volleyball court which the girl use much and thoroughly enjoy. We have large room with piano and radio for the girl sitting room and fiesta room. We have ha a few evenings of real good times there, an I feel that our girls know more good circl and folk games than a recreation leader ca put into a class.

Almost every week some group enjoys a outing to the historic forts, to a river c stream, some interesting place near Puebl Generous sack lunches are prepared for a who go: bean and egg sandwiches, frui cookies, soft drinks. We have three persons i our kitchen and a dining room hostess wh really deserve much credit for taking care u every day, and even for these speci occasions.

Our dining room is a cheery place wit pastel tablecloths for each of the twelve t bles and the service of our girls in the dinin room is remarkably fine. The servers brin the food to each table where it is served b the hostess. Often an arrangement of flowe

ıe center table which is not used or some- g special adds a touch of loveliness. After ıave taken their places, a bell rings, and ıe quietness the voice of a girl in some of the dining room is heard offering the ing.

)ur Casa Hogar is not only split level; s many levels in its arrangement. Any of an go to top levels to hang our clothes, I especially like to go to "El Cielo" ven), for from our roof, I can "lift up e eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh help; my help cometh from the Lord made heaven and earth". From there n see three snow-capped mountains, Popocatépetl, Ixtaccíhuatl and Malinche; I can look down into our patios with flowers and trees; I can see the jacarandas in purple bloom peaking over the school patio wall; I can see one side of the church as though it were located in a garden instead of on a busy street corner; and it is best when I can see the girls waiting for their letters, going to school or to their rooms or sunning and chatting, for the girls are the life of the home. The spirit of Casa Hogar is one that gathers strength from the God of love who made us all, and He expresses Himself as much through the girls as through the leaders. God asks that we please obey His rules for living together in order to have a happy home.



Methodist Church as seen from the patio of the Casa Hogar.

Miss Treva Overholt, director of the Casa Hogar in Puebla, sits on the roof top with co-workers, Mrs. Lottie Bell and Miss Dpahne Swartz, and a visitor, Miss Blanche Garrison, of the Deaconess Training School in Mexico city

Miss Lorena Foster Retires

By Sra. Amanda T. de Guerra

Miss Foster was born into a Christian home in the United States. As a child, she felt called to be a nurse, and later a missionary nurse. For 17 years in China she directed a Methodist School of Nursing. During the Second World War, when the Japanese occupied that area, she was forced to withdraw and return to the United States. She worked so hard as a public health nurse along the Texas border that the doctors advised her to take a rest.

Then came the opportunity to work in Palmore Sanatorium in Chihuahua. During her ten years among us she completed compiling and revising textbooks in pharmacology, dosage and solutions. She also taught these subjects to the nurses.

She was active in the local church whe my husband is the pastor. Her spirituali and piety have inspired many of our familie Now that she has retired, she has asked f her letter of transfer to be sent to the Mexica Methodist Church where she resides.

Her addres is Box 191, Pearsall, Texas

PAN AMERICAN SE MINAR AT THE U. N

Srita. Dolores Gómez, director of Robert Social Center in Saltillo, and Sra. Ruth G de Ruiz, treasurer of the Central Confedera tion of Woman's Societies, were Mexico's representatives at a U. N. Seminar in N. Y in March.

Mrs. Clifford Bender, Methodist women's official observer at the U. N.; Misses Teresa Hoover and Thelma Stevens of the Depart ment of Christian Social Relations, set up the seminar which originally was to have includ ed women from Cuba, as well as Mexico and Canada, but the Cuban Methodists were unable to attend.

After sight-seeing and observing at the U. N., Srita. Gómez and Sra. Ruiz attended a Race Relations Conference in Louisville at the Shearaton Hotel.

"It was a wonderful trip and I'm grateful for the opportunity, but I wish that some of the activities had taken place in a church", was the comment expressed by one of the delegates.

Centro Evangelico Unido

(Union Evangelical Seminary)

ur Centro Evangélico Unido began its school year with a very inspiring service, on March 5, 1961, at El Mesías odist Church (47 Balderas St.). The José O. Velasco delivered the sermon.

e have 21 Seminary students, classified llows: Two Mennonite Brethren, two egationalists, five Disciples, and twelve odists. According to the course year: in the first year, four in the second two in the third, two in the fourth, and writing their theses for the Bachelor's in Theology.

n April 7, 1961, at the temporary chap the Centro Evangélico Unido, was or- d the National Association of Theologi- eminaries and Biblical Schools of o. This important meeting was attended presentatives of four Theological schools in Mexico City and one of Río Verde, San Luis Potosí.

We also had the privilege of receiving Bishop Dr. B. Foster Stockwell, chairman of a Survey Committee of Training of Ministers in Latin America, sponsored by the International Missionary Council. He and the members of this committee met with Faculty members of many Theological Schools of Mexico City. This special conference was held at the library of our Centro Evangélico.

Finally I want to mention the visit of the Rev. Roland Brown and his wife, world travelers and messengers of Christian reconciliation. They addressed our students at chapel service, on March 14, 15 and 16. We thank God for these distinguished visitors.

President Juan Díaz Galindo.

AUDIO - VISUAL INSTITUTE

By. Rosenda Mizuno

bout 100 people participated in the al Audio-Visual Institute held in the C. A. building at Mexico City, March Participants were mainly students of aries and Bible Schools. There were inisters, Sunday School teachers, lay rs and missionaries. They came from fferent denominations: Baptist, Metho- Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Lutheran, ssemblies of God.

he Institute was organized by the Centro -Visual Evangélico better known as , and was the 5th. held in Mexico City. eneral theme was: "How to Present the y of the Early Christian Church with -Visual Aids". Interest groups on table Aids, Flannelgraph, and Black- Drawing met for specialized study and hops. Other activities were displays of audio-visual materials for the use of the churches, lectures, devotionals, and assemblies.

The purposes of CAVE's work could be summarized as follows: (1) To promote the use of audio-visual materials as an integral part of the whole program of Christian Education and Evangelism of the Protestant churches in Mexico, (2) To make known to churches what audio-visuals are available for their use, and (3) To train church workers on how to use audio-visuals.

CAVE is an interdenominational organization, having on their executive committee, people belonging to Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational churches. Miss Rena Button, American Baptist missionary is the President, and Mr. Jiro Mizuno, is the Executive Secretary of CAVE, with offices in Mexico City.

California - México - Friendship

The Rev. Alejandro Ruiz, Secretary of Christian Education of The Mexican Methodist Church, was looking for some way to develop a camping program for his church near Mexico City. He had the land —the gift of a Methodist doctor— and the need, but lacked the money and the spark necessary to get the project rolling.

At the same time, the Rev. John Zimmer, minister of the Sepuveda Methodist Church, was looking for a short-term work project in or around Mexico City. The two got together, and the experience was fabulous for both.

A physician, Dr. Herbert Ford, local chairman of the Commission on Membership, a contractor, Mr. John Kumley, one of the lay members of the Annual Conference, twelve high school and college youth and the minister spent three weeks on a work team sponsored by the entire church.

Beginning last October, almost every face-to-face group in the church, in addition to the Commissions on Missions, Christian Social Concerns, and Education, plus the Pastoral Relations Committee, helped the local Wesley Fellowship and Senior High M.Y.F. to raise over $ 1,100 to make the trip possible. Adding $ 500 of their own, the group traveled over 5,000 miles, constructed a fence around the camp-site in Ozumba (some 50 miles southeast of Mexico City), held nightly meetings in the local Mexican Methodist Church, led youth groups, preached, lived in the homes of the people, ate Mexican food, shared experiences with Methodist leaders, and visited numerous mission and Church projects.

In addition, the Church School of Sepulveda sent children-to-children gifts of pencils, paper, scissors, and candy to the Church School of Ozumba. The local Missions Commission sent warm wool blankets, and the church contributed over $ 250 toward the new camp-site.

The plan is now to encourage other churches of our Conference to help in the Ozumba Camp until finished. (A special program is available from the Sepulveda Church to spark an interest.) The work team is inviting Mexican Methodist youth to its church this next summer, and is laying plans for future work teams in succeeding summers.

The Team to Mexico included, in front: Dr. Herbert Ford, Dale Polk and Steve Cowdrey; back of them, Rev. John Zimmer, Dean Morris, Mr. John Kumley, Andrea Jerome, Dale Crouse, Polly Nessmar, Dick Smith, Diane Beier, Jon Atherton, Karen Cowdrey and Fred Raum.

Yes, the Sepulveda Church sent a work team to Mexico, but most of the members believe that Sepulveda received the most out of the experience.

Orientation For New Missionaries

"The Changing Role of the Missionary", Roman Catholicism and Customs and Culture in Mexico were among the topics presented by Dr. John L. Groves, Dr. William Wonderly, Dr. Gonzalo Báez-Camargo, Dr. Eduardo Dallal, Dr. Juan N. Pascoe, Rev. L. A. Divas, Rev. Gustavo Velasco and Paul Stone at the orientation program set up by the Methodists and Presbyterians.

Mrs. John Groves ,and Miss Helen Tannehill coordinated the program which was attended by Mrs. Lottie Bell, stationed in Puebla; Charlie Ann Dunn of Durango; Kathy Edwards of Cortazar and Mary Trewyn of Monterrey, all Methodists, as well as four Presbyterians and a couple from the Church of God who work in Saltillo.

irst Impressions of Mexico

By Lois Davidson

low fast time has gone since my arrival There has not been enough time to get at deal of work done in the library but s given me the opportunity to get the organized and to learn to know the le with whom I work.

t first I thought the Mexican students overly quiet and that they had no sense umor. Little by little I am discovering at times they are quite as noisy as the n students! and although their sense umor is as different as can be from that he Cubans, who are more like United s-ers in their choice of jokes, the Mexi- tudents are quite as full of fun.

he Union Seminary in Mexico City is denominational, just as was the one in where I worked for so long. The Con- tionals, the Disciples of Christ and the odists cooperate in the Seminary. Two nts from the Mennonite Brethren Church n attendance although their church does fficially cooperate.

delighted me to discover that over half udent body is from the Methodist Church of the class entering this year, nearly irds are Methodist.

his is the first time I have ever lived in arge a city (nearly five million bitants) and I am just getting accustomed e enormous distance to be covered in to church each Sunday and returning . It takes almost an hour each way.

attend a very fine Sunday School class t by Dr. Gonzalo Báez Camargo, one e Seminary professors and a noted r and lecturer. I enjoy his teaching and interesting also to listen to comments on esson by class members who are profes- l people. The church itself is located in owntown section of Mexico City and long ago, before the Methodists bought the property, the building was a Roman Catholic convent. I have seen many people whose theology has changed as they grew older, but it the first time I ever saw a church so changed!

I am looking forward to seeing the two snow-covered volcanic mountains, Ixtaccíhuatl and Popocatépetl, that are so near. So far there is always haze or clouds in the east where they should appear. But I know that they are there and that some day I shall be able to see them. It is sort of like God's plans for us. We cannot always see what they are but we are sure that He is there and that is quite knowledge enough.

(Miss Davidson was on the staff of Union Seminary in Cuba for nine years before coming to Mexico.)

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A History of Cen

BY LILLIE

The Woman's Missionary Council of the Southern Methodist Church began social evangelistic work in Mexico by the opening of Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua. It met with such success that the Council decided to open similar work in the larger cities. Monterrey was chosen next. Miss Sara E. Warne, California, a former missionary to Brazil, was appointed to work in the Methodist school for girls, Colegio Ingles - Español, to assit Miss Ingrum when the school was opened in October, 1919. After teaching one year she was released to organize and open a Centro Cristiano. During the school year 1920-21, she visited the people, found their interests, looked for a suitable house and planned her work. By the fall of 1921, she rented property that she adapted to the needs of the work. She opened immediately the following departments: visiting by the Bible woman in the mornings to the Monterrey Hospital, and following up the visits in the afternoons; books department, where she sold Bibles, hymnals, and other good literature; visiting by the staff; day nursery; club work directed by volunteer workers; training class for Bible women. The opening was very successful. A kindergarten was soon added, with Miss Glen Jones as teacher, in which English and Spanish were taught. Miss McCaughan came from Chihuahua and opened classes in Domestic Science for the women and girls, and the Little Housekeepers for the little girls. She gave a class in Dietetics for the student nurses in Monterrey Hospital, and taught a group of women to read and write Spanish. Before the end of the year, Miss Warne was employing three Bible women, and was doing some employment agency work. She was able to reach influential families, and doctors of the city offered their services to talk to the mothers. Miss Case, executive secretary of t Council for Latin-America, was very hap over the initial success. By the end of the yea the activities and the enrollment had increased that the Centro was crowded. The was as yet no money for property or a buil ing.

The following year, the house was sol and the Centro was moved. New activiti were added. The Primary Department of th Sunday School and the Juvenile Church m in the Centro, and on Sunday afternoo services were conducted in Villa de Guad lupe near Monterrey. A Mothers' Club wa organized. The second year, Miss Jones le and Srita. Berta Valdez from Centro Cristi no, Chihuahua, took charge of the kinderga ten. After two years, she left and Srita. Mari Valdez of Saltillo, taught for three years. I 1923, the first Daily Vacation Bible Scho in Monterrey met in the Centro, with mo than 200 enrolled, including children in th mornings, and adults at night. Miss Warn was the director, assisted by Sra. A. A. Reye Miss Irene Nixon, Sra. Isaura G. de la Garz and Rev. Marcos de la Garza, who helpe with the men's department.

Miss Case, in writing of the Centro i 1924, said it was a veritable bee-hive. It wa now a recognized institution for advancemen in the city, its greatest work the breakin down of prejudice. It was democratic in al departments. Srita. Raquel Campos, havin completed the Bible department at Colegi Roberts in Saltillo, was the volunteer worke After the organization of the autonomou Methodist Church of Mexico, the volunteer were know as Deaconesses. Srita. Campo began the Bible department with 80 students

cial, Monterrey

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ugust, 1924, Miss McCaughan left for a ugh and Miss Amy Jo Burns came as e Economics teacher, assited by Sra. A. Reyes, who had come to the Centro in . She also had a Mothers' Club of 60 bers, and had charge of the Little ekeepers.

During 1925-26, because of the new laws rning private schools with primary rtments, many changes were required. ndance decreased, but the greatest cause decline was the boycott by the Roman olic Church against all Protestant tutions. The enrollment was a little less half that of former years. Miss Warne on furlough and Miss Anne Deavours me acting director. Miss Burns and Sra. s continued with the Home Economics rtment. The kindergarten was discontin- but the children's clubs were not affected he laws. There were 92 English pupils a well-organized English club. Srita. pos continued her evangelistic work and t a group of women to read and write. gious feeling was too strong to reopen the nursery, but there were many opportu- s with the mothers. The follow-up work e clinic of the Monterrey Hospital was essful; at Christmas time various groups organized to help the poor, regardless urch interest.

n 1926 Miss Warne resumed her work director. The Colegio Ingles - Español ed with Instituto Laurens, the Methodist ol for boys, and the Centro moved into uilding of the girls' chool, where it is located. This building had been built e Christian Church in 1904. When the us denominations working in Mexico d to apportion the territory, it was traded e Southern Methodist Church for prop erty in the south. The Centro then seemed very far from the center of the city for a social center, and there was some opposition to the site, but the city has grown to the Centro, and miles beyond.

Miss Deavours made it possible for Sra. Reyes to attend the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, for two summers, and when Miss Burns left, she took charge of the Home Economics department. Miss Luci Mae Pearman came to teach English, and did good work with the young people. Srita. Campos left, and Srita. Gertrudis Reyes came from Durango. Srita. Dolores Gómez, a teacher, did club work for two years, Srita. Angelina Sandoval replacing her in September, 1928. Miss Deavours, returning from her her furlough in 1929, became director. She reported for that year, clubs of Girls Scouts and Brownies; story hour three times a week in public schools; a Mothers' Club carrying out a constructive program with the help of a nurse from the Monterrey Hospital; a club for girls working in homes; much visiting; Home Economics under the direction of Sra. Reyes, who also helped in other departments; English classes with Misses Deavours, Priscilla Walker of Mississippi, and Atta Jowell. Sra. Reyes became a deaconess in 1932 and was appointed elsewhere.

Because of the laws the religious program had to be discontinued, although some religious work was done in the homes, through Bible classes. Srita. Eulalia Aceves was the deaconess 1930-32, and Srita. Ninfa Ruiz was added to the staff. Miss Beulath Hubbard of Texas came in 1932 for two years. Miss Myrtle Pollard was at the Centro 1934-35. There was a continuous growth in the work;

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Action on two Fronts

By Mary Fitzpatrick

The Laura Temple Hostel for Girls, located on a busy boulevard in a city of five million people, tries to provide a Christian atmosphere and character-building opportunities not only for the 110 girls but also for the staff.

Many of the girls come from problem homes right in Mexico City; others are from small towns or villages where educational opportunities are limited to the first few grades of primary school. Many of the girls are from non-Protestant backgrounds. I alway explain to new prospects and their families, "We are Protestants and all the girls attend church with us." The usual reply is "That's perfectly all right" but one mother drew herself up in surprise, and said, "I don't know what my husband would say if he knew I put his daughters in a Protestant institution" and left. Other non-Protestants seek us out precisely because we are Protestant, because they want the type of education and direction which, with God's hel we try to give.

The staff of our hostel consists of t director, the administrator, five matrons, dietician, a cook, a dishwasher, two lau dresses, and two maintenance men. We fe a very real debt of gratitude to Miss Ma Pearson, a retired missionary, who is a va uable volunteer on the staff. We feel a ve real responsability for the spiritual welfa of our co-workers. They initiated a daily try in the chapel and take turns leading th brief service of a hymn, a Scripture readi and intercessory prayer.

Just after school started we had Mr. an Mrs. David Cooper, missionaries fro Ecuador, to a devotional breakfast for th staff. After his brief evangelistic messag four of the staff indicated their desire t follow Jesus Christ.

During the May holidays, we had a week end retreat for the women of the staff at lovely spot in Cuernavaca, an hour and half from Mexico City. From Friday through

The Chapel is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Vicente Mendoza, noted hymnologist of Mexican Methodism Here students and staff meet to pray.

day, devotional exercises and classes ed us all get better prepared for our task iding the young lives committed to our ge. Dr. John Groves led a class on stian Stewardship; Mrs. Eugene Lee gave es on How To Tell Stories, Miss Helen hehill on the Art of Counseling and Sergio García on Religious Sects.

Toward the end of the year there will be a retreat for the graduating clases. Though attendance is voluntary, usually even the Roman Catholic girls are anxious to be a part of that week's experience.

The Laura Temple Student Home celebrated its 50th Anniversary last August.

The U. N. In Patzcuaro

By Lois Davidson

he name of this little town, Pátzcuaro, is "place of rest", but when Dr. Irma baugh and I visited it in April we did eel that for us it was exactly a place of for we spent only one day there and ed to see all that we could see in so short ne.

he United Nations Educational, Scienti- nd Cultural Organization has established gional Center for Fundamental Educa- in Latin America in Pátzcuaro and the 21 villages situated around Lake Pátzcuaro, the islands in it and on the surrounding mountain slopes constitute its zone of influence. This center was created with the idea of training Latin American personnel for carrying out programs in Fundamental Educational and of preparing educational materials for use in this work.

The students who come to study are already professionals with several years of experience. The objective of the courses is to teach these professional people how to apply their specialized knowledge in real situations so that living conditions in a community may

be improved.

Students learn by doing. Teachers and students live and work together, in classrooms, in workshop, in laboratory, during field trips and in the communities. Up to the present time, 500 students from all over Latin America have attended.

The community which we visited, Tzintzuntzan, (meaning "humming of three arrows") has been under the influence of CREFAL since 1953. Weaving and carpentry workshops have been organized and we visited some of both. Before 1953 there was not a single weaver and only one carpenter. Experiments are being conducted with four families in Tzintzuntzan in pottery making.

It was fascinating to see a boy of ten twelve make designs on the black glaze pottery. He used no pattern, and with an ordinary nail removed enough of the black outer coat to let the clay-colored inner layer show. The design was of a fish and he drew three in rapid succession to fill in the available space on a large plate. Not wanting to carry home so large an object, I asked him to put three little fish on a small black pitcher for me. He drew them in and then signed his initials with a flourish on the bottom of the pitcher!

The things which impressed me most about Tzintzuntzan were the clean streets and the pride of the workmen in their work

A History of Centro...

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by 1932 there were 60 volunteers which were recruited and trained. The telling of good stories spread into other schools and became a very strong department. Miss Deavours found the best stories possible and Sra. Reyes translated them into Spanish. Besides the resident workers, twenty "story tellers" went to the various schools, and at times as many as 1,500 children heard good stories weekly. Other volunteers helped supervise games in the Centro, and on Sunday afternoons, a group of blind children came for recreation hour. Classes in reading and writing, and a story hour were extended to the penitentiary. The missionaries taught English classes, and helped in all departments. On certain afternoons, the playground was open to the children of the community, and to the children of the schools where the stories were told. One evening a week the children came to the recreation room for quiet games. Basket ball, volley ball, and other games were played on the outdoor playground. Miss Deavours wrote "The Centro folks have made it their business to be helpers". The workers went to districts on the edge of the city telling stories and directing playground activities.

The financial depression of 1932 affected the work to considerable extent, as did the application of the new laws to secondary education, and the limitation of new workers entering Mexico. There was a nervous tension over the government regulations. With so few regular workers, more responsability was placed on the volunteers. The Centro was able to cooperate with the Directors of Education who gave permission for the story telling to continue in the primary schools and also with the mayor of the city in the extension work in the parks on the edge of the city.

Various groups celebrated the special holidays with appropiate programs and parties. Each club had its own fiesta and entertained their mothers on Mothers' Day, their friends at other times, the poor at Christmastime; and the end of the school year brought many special festivities, picnics and other outdoor celebrations. These activities continue in vogue today.

When the institutions were not permitted to use a religious name, the name was changed to Centro Social, but the spirit and motive were the same.

Miss Helen M. Hodgson came to Mexico from California in 1926. taught English

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Guerra in September; the formal inauguration was in October, 1943. It has boys' and girls' club rooms and shops; showers, a lounge, lunch room, and rooms for table games, weight lifting, etc. In 1960 some extensive repairs and additions were made to allow for expansion of its services.

In 1935 reports showed that 40 volunteer helpers were doing part time work in a program consisting of English classes, Spanish literacy classes, story telling in the schools, a class in Ethics, and many clubs. In 1939 a report showed story telling also in parks and suburbs with over 1,625 children; helpful demontrations and health lessons with poor women, the doctors giving courses in pre-natal care and child hygiene; work in cooperation with the local church; cooking classes; cooking clubs, and a full time boys' worker.

One activity which tended to foster "peace, goodwill, and brotherhood among the American nations" was the Pan American Forum, organized in January, 1938 by a group of English students and friends of the Centro. This was the first such group in Mexico, and by 1942 had grown to thirty-five active members. Miss Dyck sponsored the group, which met in the Centro, and she and delegates attended concentions in 1940 and 1942 in the United States. The Forum continued until 1952.

In 1940. Sritas. Maria Botello and Maria Martínez came to the Centro to take deaconess training, which was then a part of the program. They finished the prescribed course, including the practical work, in 1943, and went to other fields of service.

In 1941, Sra. Asuncion A. de Reyes, having been Conference Secretary for the Woman's Missionary Society for several years, and studied for a year at Scarritt College, returned to the Centro. She had charge of the Home Economics department, told stories in the schools, visited for the institu-

tion, taught English and Spanish, and helped in many other ways. She retired in 1960, having been associated with the Centro for the greater part of its existence.

In 1941 also, Miss Lillie Fox came to the Centro to help with the deaconess training, teach English, and in several other phases of the program. She stayed until her retirement in 1945.

In 1944, Srita. Lidia Guerra and Srita. Maria Mireles came to learn about social work. Lidia, now Sra. Lidia G. de Salinas, is still on the staff, being in charge of several clubs, working in the office and helping where needed Srita. Virginia Reyes, now Mrs. John Groves of Mexico City, worked at the Centro for several years; Srita. Victoria Hernandez of Piedras Negras, was at the Centro for two years, 1957-59, learning club work. Maria Davalos worked one year. Srita. Herlinda Cavazos came to the Centro in 1949 to work in the office; since 1953 she has been a valuable assistant in the kindergarten.

The kindergarten, which had been discontinued because of changes in the laws of the country, was restored by Miss Dyck on a three day a week basis in 1945. Since the fall of 1960 it has been meeting for five mornings a week. Because of the lack of cooperation of school authorities, the story-telling was suspended in 1958. The English classes have continued a major activity for many years and all the missionaries are English teachers. Some years several hundred have been enrolled. Due to the introduction of cooking and sewing courses in the schools and civic centers, there has been less demand for these activities. Many times during the year, however, the various girls' clubs learn new ways of cooking. These clubs are directed by several local young women. Expansion of the Social Security program also made the clinic unnecessary.

Other missionaries who have served at the Centro are: Reba Cupp in 1946; Mary Fitzpatrick, 1950-53; Margaret Wade Campbell, 1954; Donna Lou Nelson, 1958. In April, 1956, Naomi Hare of Texas came to teach English and is still part of the Centro staff; in June 1956, Iva Conner of Kansas came to work in the kindergarten and teach English, being still on the staff; in January, 1961, Mary Trewyn of Wisconsin came. In August 1958, the Rev. and Mrs. Roberth H. Conerly took charge of the gymnasium and boys' club work. Since then that department has been greatly expanded including tournaments of basketball with teams of various schools and organizations of the city and state, and from Texas.

The church in Monterrey has been richer in every way all through the years, because of the work done by the Centro workers, and because of the cooperation between the Church and Centro. The workers have assisted the various departments of the church: Sunday School, Epworth League, Woman's Missionary Society, Bible classes, Vacation Bible School, committees, choir and official board. At present three groups of the woman's society meet weekly at the Centro; the Legion Blanca meets monthly; other circles have frequent meetings; the Christian professional women hold their monthly meetings, and many local people use the public hall for birthday parties and wedding receptions.

Some of the children enjoying the swimming pool constructed at "Sierra Linda", the Centro Social Campo which is the fruit of Miss Anna Belle Dyck's dream of many years, and the labors of many work campers from the States.

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tor Manuel Eraña, president of Gideons ico, and E. B. Forbes, representing eons of the United States, were in Mon- recently to reorganize the work there.

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ven nurses were graduated in April Palmore Sanatorium in Chihuahua. nore finished the post-graduate obset- course. An attractive annual of the of Nursing, profusely illustrated, was by Mrs. Joy de León, the public health on the Palmore staff.

e "Abundnt Life" Rural Mobile Clinic more Sanatorium during the past year ublic health instruction to 25 nursing ts and six Tarahumara Indian girls in ef course; gave 2,538 shots to 1,004 en; hosted two Christmas parties with tendace of 480 mothers and children; t first aid to four different groups, g to two different groups, held daily hours; set up clinics in villages; gave on nutrition and child and maternal nd made home visits.

iss Margaret Belle Markey of Robincroft, lena, passed away February 1st. She had l as a missionary in Cuba for 25 years came to Mexico in 1926 where she l for 17 years. Seven of those years she principal of Palmore School where she er crowning work and where she is most red and loved.

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Rev. and Mrs. Elton Watlington and children of Lima, Peru, passed through Mexico City on their way to Tennesses for furlough.

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Miss Ola E. Callahan of Asheville, N. C. is spending several months in Mexico. After visiting in Tabasco and Puebla, she is helping out at Centro Social Monterrey.

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Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Gray of New York City, frequent visitors to Mexico, recently concluded a four months' stay in Vera Cruz.

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Miss Florence Hooper of Baltimore, formerly treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society before unification, visited Mexico to gain information for the six School of Missions in which she will teach in the summer.

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Mrs. Rae McEven from Honolulu visited the Deaconess Training School in Mexico City on an extensive tour of Central America.

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Dr. Irma Highbaugh of Coffeyville, Kansas, was in Mexico two weeks to get first-hand information for teaching in Schools of Missions. She also spent some time in Costa Rica.

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Dr. J. Harley Thompson, a Methodist pastor from Aberdeen, S. D. was surprised to encounter a Drew University classmate in Mexico. He was Rev. Marion Woods, who with his family was on his way home from work in Costa Rica for a furlough in Kansas.

Dr. Roberto Pedraza, director of Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas, took the graduating class to Mexico. They were entertained by members of the Aztecas Methodist Church. They also visited Acapulco.

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Dr. and Mrs. Bill Jack Marshall of La Paz, Bolivia also passed through Mexico on their way home for furlough.

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The American Bible Society has put on sale the 1960 Revision of the Reina-Valera version. In 1559 Casidoro de Reina's mon mental translation. the first complete c in Spanish, was published. In 1602 Cipria de Valera revised the work. There were oth revisions published in 1862 and in 190 Work on the current revised version w begun by a group of scholars in 1950. A interesting feature is that all copies, irrespe tive of size, have the same page numbe Priced at just over a dollar, this new versi should be widely circulated because mo Roman Catholic versions are very expensiv

THERE CAME A WOMAN

John 4:7

By Sra Estela R. de Alvarado

As a part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the World Day of Prayer there were simultaneous meetings in Hong Kong, Northern Rhodesia, Lima, Peru; Madras, India and Zurich, Switzerland.

I was blessed by being named a representative to Lima by the National Union of Woman's Societies. Capt. María Luisa M. de Villareal of the Salvation Army and I boarded the airplane in Mexico City at 12:45 in the afternoon and arrived in Lima at 2:00 the next morning. We were met at the airport by Miss Margaret Lawrence, Sra. Sylvia de Huaroto and two women from the Salvation Army. We stayed at the large Methodist girls school.

Twenty Latin American countries were represented. For political reasons, the women from Cuba and the Dominican Republic were prevented from coming. There were also representatives from Japan, Spain and the United States. The 27 of us represented Anglicans, Baptists, Congregationals, Disciples of Christ, Methodists, Presbyterians, Salvation Army, United Mission and the Waldensians.

Each part of the program was closely related to the subject of prayer and for a week we were united in the same purpose, spirit and hope, busy in the things of the Lord.

The first service was held in the English-speaking Lutheran Church. The solem nity of it made me think of the beauty an grandeur of our unity in Christ when w gather to worship without prejudice, resen ment or selfishness. There were prayers i many languages. In her message, Miss Law rence emphasized the words of Jesus to th Samaritan woman, "God is Spirit, and Hi worshipers must worship in spirit and truth.

The second service was held in the Peru vian Methodist Church. What a thrill to sin "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "Holy Holy, Holy" in Spanish. As we joined in th meditation on the Lord's Prayer, I couldn' help but say, "Thank you, Lord, for givin us this wonderful model prayer." After th service we went into the social hall and eac representative gave a greeting from the women of her country.

But who paid the expenses of our trip? The Christian women of the United States We express our profund gratitude for makin possible these five meetings in different part of the world. May God richly bless what they have so generously put at His disposal.

"And what is the message you bring for the Christian women of Mexico from the meeting in Lima?" someone asked me the other day. I ansewered with the words of the motto of our National Union (Interdenominational) "so that all may be one".

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